

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 404

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Edmund Clayton Armstrong
on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Edmund Clayton Armstrong is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-seven years as a professional educator, currently holding the position of Director of Schools for the Hawkins County school system; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Armstrong has recently announced that he will be taking a much deserved retirement after the end of this current school year on June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Rogersville High School, Clayton Armstrong received his Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in 1970, completed his certification in Elementary Education from ETSU in 1975, and obtained his graduate degree and certification in Elementary and Secondary Supervision and Administration from Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a longtime employee of the Hawkins County School System, Mr. Armstrong started his teaching career as a classroom teacher at Clinch School in August of 1970; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious career in education, Clayton Armstrong has served as a Title I teacher, a System-wide Title I Consulting-Teacher/Coordinator, an ESEA Title I Director, and as the Elementary Supervisor of Instruction for Hawkins County Schools before being named Director of Schools in 2003; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional educator, Mr. Armstrong is a member of the East Tennessee Supervisor's Study Council, the National Education Association, the Tennessee

Education Association (TEA), the Hawkins County Education Association (HCEA), and the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader among his peers, Clayton Armstrong has served as a Delegate to the TEA Representative Assembly, President of HCEA, Negotiating Team Spokesperson for the first HCEA/Hawkins County Board of Education negotiated contract, and as a member of the HCEA Representative Assembly and the HCEA Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, a Career Level III School Administrator, Mr. Armstrong has been recognized by the East Tennessee Title I Directors for regional leadership and nominated and ultimately selected for inclusion in *Outstanding Young Men of America*; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Armstrong is an active and important part of his community, contributing his time and talents to numerous worthy organizations, including the Rogersville Heritage Association, the H.B. Stamps Memorial Library Board, the Upper East Tennessee Human Development District Head Start Advisory Board, and the Family Resource Center Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Armstrong exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Ellen, who recently retired after teaching kindergarten for Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Armstrong has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the entire Hawkins County Schools community, be they students, parents, teachers, or staff, as well as the citizens of Hawkins County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Edmund Clayton Armstrong for his meritorious service to the children of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.